

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application. No new matter has been added to the present application. The Office Action dated June 28, 2006 rejected claims 1, 6-10, 15-19, 24-29, and 34-37. Additionally, the Office Action objected to claims 2-5, 11-14, 20-23, and 30-33, indicating that the claims are dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Page 5 of the Office Action indicates that each of dependent claims 2, 11, 20, and 30 include a common allowable feature. Dependent claims 2, 11, 20, and 30 depend directly from independent claims 1, 10, 19, and 28, respectively. Each of claims 2, 11, 20, and 30 have been amended to be rewritten in independent form and to include the limitations of base claims 1, 10, 19, and 28, respectively. Accordingly, Applicant submits that claims 2, 11, 20, and 30 are now in condition for allowance.

As currently amended, each of dependent claims 3-9 depend, directly or indirectly, from claim 2, and, as such, are also in condition for allowance. As currently amended, each of dependent claims 12-18 depend, directly or indirectly, from claim 11, and, as such, are in condition for allowance. As currently amended, each of dependent claims 21-27 depend, directly or indirectly, from claim 20, and, as such, are in condition for allowance. As currently amended, each of dependent claims 29 and 31-37 depend, directly or indirectly, from claim 30, and, as such, are in condition for allowance.

Rejected claims 1, 10, 19, and 28 have been cancelled without prejudice. Applicant reserves the right to file a continuation application with the canceled subject matter.

Applicant respectfully submits that the foregoing amendments place the application in condition for allowance and request such favorable action.

CONCLUSION

If any issues remain that would prevent issuance of this application, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned by telephone prior to issuing a subsequent action. It is believed that no fee is due in conjunction with the present amendment. However, if this belief is in error, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any amount required to Deposit Account No. 19-2112.

Respectfully submitted,

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